AUDITING PROCEDURES REPORT

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Local Government Type City Township Vi	i	Local Governm	ent Name	Village of Lyons	County Ionia
Audit Date 2/28/2005	Opinion Date 11/23	/2005	Date Account	tant Report Submitted to State:	12/19/2005

We have audited the financial statements of this local unit of government and rendered an opinion on financial statements prepared in accordance with the Statements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) and the Uniform Reporting Format for Financial Statements for Counties and Local Units of Government in Michigan by the Michigan Department of Treasury.

We affirm that:

1. We have complied with the Bulletin for the Audits of Local Units of Government in Michigan as revised.

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The lette	er of comr	nen	ts and recommendations.	X	, cimaided	: required						
We hav	ve enclos	sed	the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required						
yes	🚺 no	9.	The local unit has not adopted an investment policy as re	quired by P.A	A. 196 of 1997 (MCL 129.95).						
yes	X no	8.	 The local unit uses credit cards and has not adopted an applicable policy as required by P.A. 266 of 1995 (MCL 129.241). 									
yes	yes no 7. The local unit has violated the Constitutional requirement (Article 9, Section 24) to fund current year earned pension benefits (normal costs) in the current year. If the plan is more than 100% funded and the overfunding credits are more than the normal cost requirement, no contributions are due (paid during the year).											
yes	X no	6.	The local unit has been delinquent in distributing tax revelunit.	nues that we	ere collected for	another taxing						
yes		5.	The local unit holds deposits/investments which do not comply with statutory requirements. (P.A. 20 of 1943, as amended [MCL 129.91], or P.A. 55 of 1982, as amended [MCL 38.1132]).									
yes	X no	4.	4. The local unit has violated the conditions of either an order issued under the Municipal Finance Act or its requirements, or an order issued under the Emergency Municipal Loan Act.									
🗶 yes	no no	no 3. There are instances of non-compliance with the Uniform Accounting and Budgeting Act (P.A. 2 of 1968, as amended).										
yes	X no	2.	There are accumulated deficits in one or more of this earnings (P.A. 275 of 1980).	s unit's unre	served fund ba	lances/retained						
	🗶 no		Certain component units/funds/agencies of the local unit a	are excluded	from the finance	al statements.						
You mus	st check th	ne a	pplicable box for each item below.									
			following. "Yes" responses have been disclosed in the finalits and recommendations	ıncia: statem	ents, including t	ne notes, or in						
2. We	are certife	ed p	public accountants registered to practice in Michigan.									

We have enclosed the following:	Enclosed	To Be Forwarded	Not Required
The letter of comments and recommendations.	X		
Reports on individual federal financial assistance programs (program audits).			Х
Single Audit Reports (ASLGU).			X

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

November 23, 2005

Lyons Village Council 212 Water Street P.O. Box 175 Lyons, Michigan 48851-0175

Dear Council Members:

I have audited the accompanying basic financial statements of the Village of Lyons as of February 28. 2005 and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Village's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the basic financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lyons Village as of February 28, 2005 and the changes in its financial position for the year then ended, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the Village's basic financial statements. The required supplemental information, budgetary comparison schedules, and combining statements have been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, in my opinion, are fairly presented, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Management's Discussion and Analysis

Using this Annual Report

This annual report consists of a series of financial statements. The Statement of Net Assets and the Statement of Activities provides information about the activities of the Village as a whole and presents a longer-term view of the Village's finances. Fund financial statements tell how these services were financed in the short-term, as well as what remains for future spending. Fund financial statements also report the Village's operations in more detail than the government-wide financial statements.

The Village as a Whole

The Village's combined net assets increased 1.6% from a year ago-increasing from \$2,494,789 to \$2,535,845. As we look at the governmental activities separately from the business-type activities, we can see that the governmental activities experienced a decrease of approximately \$12,355 during the year (2.1% decrease). The business-type activities experienced a \$53,411 increase in net assets, primarily as a result of new water and sewer rates established in 2005 that would have been ready for adjustments in prior years. In a condensed format, the table below shows a comparison of the net assets (in thousands of dollars) as of the current date (the prior year is not available in this year of implementation of GASB 34).

Current Assets Noncurrent Assets	Governmental <u>Activities</u> 2004 2005 \$294	Business-Type <u>Activities</u> 2004 2005 \$ 297	Total 2004 2005 \$ 591 _2,586
Total Assets	<u>\$575</u>	\$2,602	<u>\$3,177</u>
Long Term Debt Outstanding Other Liabilities	<u>\$ 4</u>	\$60 4 33	\$604 37
Total Liabilities	4	_ 33	641
Net Assets Invested in Capital Assets Net of Debt Restricted	281 104	1,670 31	1,951 135
Unrestricted	<u>186</u>	<u>264</u>	<u>450</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$583</u>	<u>\$1,911</u>	<u>\$2,495</u>

Unrestricted net assets—the part of net assets that can be used to finance day to day operations, decreased by \$12,000 for the governmental activities. This represents a decrease of approximately 6.5%. The current level of unrestricted net assets for our governmental activities is \$185.863, or about 58% of expenditures.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

The following table shows the changes of the net assets (in thousands of dollars) as of the current date (the prior year is not available in this year of implementation of GASB 34):

	Govern Activi		Business Ty Activities	pe Tota	ıl	
	2004	2005	2004	2005	2004	2005
Program Revenues						-
Charges for Services		30.3	1	281.3		311.6
Operating Grants and Contributions		77.8	}			77.8
General Revenues						-
Property Taxes levied for general						
purposes		90.6				90.6
Proportionate Share Revenue		86.2	•			86.2
Licenses and Permits		.2) -			.2
Miscellaneous		9.7	,	4.7		14.4
Unrestricted Investment Earnings		6.1		7.6		13.7
Transfers and Other Revenue		5.0		(5.0)		0
Total Revenues		306.0	_	288.5		594.5
Program Expenses		<u> </u>				
General Government		179.8				179.8
Public Safety		1.6				1.6
Public Works		110.3				110.3
Culture and Recreation		.8				.8
Health and Welfare		7.4				7.4
Other		18.4				18.4
Interest on Long-Term Debt				36.9		36.9
Water and Sewer				198.2		198.2
Total Expenses		318.3		235.1		553.4
Change in Net Assets		(12.3)	•	53.4		41.1

Business - Type Activities

The Village's business-type activities consist of the Water and Sewer Fund. We provide water to approximately 43% of Village residents, which comes from the Village water system. We provide sewage treatment to approximately 47% of Village residents, through the Sewer Maintenance system. Close budget monitoring throughout the year allowed us to delay a needed water rate increase to 2005.

The Village's Funds

The Village major fund presentation begins on page 6 following the entity wide financial statements. The fund financial statements provide detail information about the most significant fund, not the Village as a whole. The Village Council creates funds to help manage money for specific purposes as well as to show accountability for certain activities. The Village's major fund for 2005 includes the General Fund.

Management's Discussion and Analysis

General Fund Budgetary Highlights

Over the course of the year, the Village Council amended the budget to take into account events during the year. The most significant change was to reflect the new chart of accounts put into effect. The amended budget expenditures exceeded revenue by \$44,723. The Village overall stayed below the expenditure budget and exceeded the revenue budget thereby allowing expenditures to exceed revenue by only \$16,977. The General Fund's fund balance decreased from \$202,795.00 a year ago to \$185,818.00 at February 28, 2005.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

At the end of 2005, the Village had \$2,554,661 invested in a broad range of capital assets, including buildings, land, and water and sewer lines. In addition, the Village has invested significantly in roads within the Village.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budgets and Rates

Because of the impact of Proposal A the Village needs to continue to watch its budget very closely. The state-wide tax reform act limits growth in taxable value on any individual property to the lesser of inflation or 5%. Because some properties increase in value by less than inflation, the mathematical result of this is that the total taxable value for the Village will grow less than by inflation, before considering new property additions.

Contacting the Village's Management

This financial report is intended to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and investors with a general overview of the Village's finances and to show the Village's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, we welcome you to contact the clerk's office.

Exhibit 1

Village of Lyons Government Wide Statement of Net Assets February 28, 2005

	Primary Government									
	Gov	vernmental	E	Business						
		Туре		Туре						
	F	Activities	F	Activities		Total				
Assets										
Current Assets										
Cash (Note 4)	\$	232,912	\$	269,869	\$	502,781				
Taxes Receivable-Delinquent		15,116				15,116				
Due From State		28,973				28,973				
ReceivablesNet		17,383		27,284		44,668				
Total Current Assets		294,384		297,153		591,537				
Noncurrent Assets										
Restricted Cash				30,850		30,850				
Capital assets (Note 5)		280,693	2	2,273,968	2	2,554,661				
Total assets	\$	575,077	\$ 2	2,601,972	\$ 3	3,177,049				
Liabilities										
Current Liabilities										
Accounts payable	\$	4,097	\$	3,139	\$	7,236				
Current Portion of Noncurrent Liabiliti	es			32,000		32,000				
Interest Payable				9,713		9,713				
Total Current Liabilities		4,097	-	44,851		48,949				
Noncurrent Liabilities		•		•		·				
Deposits Payable				20,255		20,255				
Bonds, Notes and Loans Payable				572,000		572,000				
Total liabilities		4,097		637,106		641,204				
NET ASSETS										
Invested in Capital Assets-Net of										
Related Debt		280,693	1	1,669,968	•	1,950,661				
Restricted		104,424		30,850		135,274				
Unrestricted		185,863		264,047		449,910				
Total Net Assets	\$	570,979	\$ 1	,964,865	\$ 2	2,535,845				

Village of Lyons Government Wide Statement of Activities For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

		Total	(479 772)	(1,639)	(2.164)	(7,367)	(804)	(18,431)	(210,177)		46,128	46,128	(164,049)		90,647	86,179	13,717	200	14,362	•	205,105	41,056	2,494,789	\$2,535,845
Net (Expense) Revenue and Changes in Net Assets	Primary Government ernmental Business-Type	Activities				-					46,128	46,128	46,128				7,592		4,691	(2,000)	7,283	53,411	1,911,455	\$ 1,964,865
Net (Expense) Changes in	Primary Governmental	Activities	(222 (179 772)	(1,639)	(2,164)	(7,367)	(804)	(18,431)	(210,177)				(210,177)		90,647	86,179	6,126	200	9,671	5,000	197,822	(12,355)	583,334	\$ 570,979
Program Revenues	Operating Grants and	Contributions			77,826	-			77,826				\$ 77,826				σ.				Total General RevenuesSpecial Items and Transfers			
Program	Charges for	Services			30,335				30,335		281,258	281,258	\$ 311,592		Property Taxes		estment Earnings	ermits			nuesSpecial Ite	ets	ing	
		Expenses	\$ 179,772	1,639	110,325	7,367	804	18,431	318,338		235,129	235,129	\$ 553,467	General Revenues	Property Taxes	State Grants	Unrestricted Inv	Licenses and Pe	Other Revenue	Transfers	tal General Reve	Change in Net Assets	Net AssetsBeginning	Net AssetsEnding
		Functions/Programs	General Government	Public Safety	Public Works	Health and Welfare	Culture and Recreation	Other Functions	Total Governmental Activities	Business-Type Activities	Water and Sewer	ties	Total Primary Government	95						Tre	To	C	Ne	S.

Village of Lyons Balance Sheet Governmental Funds February 28, 2005

		General Fund	Go	Other vernmental Funds	Total Governmenta Funds			
Assets								
Cash	\$	141,823	\$	91,089	\$	232,912		
Taxes Receivable		15,116				15,116		
Due From State		15,593		13,380		28,973		
Accounts Receivable		17,383				17,383		
Total Assets	\$	189,915	\$	104,468	\$	294,384		
Liabilities								
Accounts Payable	\$	4,098	\$	(0)	\$	4,097		
Total Liabilities		4,098	***************************************	(0)		4,097		
Fund Balances			**********					
Fund Balance		185,818		104,468		290,286		
Total Liabilities and Fund Balances	\$	189,915	\$	104,468	\$	294,384		
Amounts reported for governmental different because:	activ	vities in the s	tatem	ent of net ass	ets a	re		
Fund Balance	4-1		_		\$	290,286		
Capital assets used in government				.		000 000		
not financial resources and are i		eportea in the	e tuno	1 8.		280,693		
Net Assets of Governmental Activitie	es				\$	570,979		

Village of Lyons Exhibit 4
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

		Other	Total
	General		l Governmenta
Daviences	Fund	Funds	Funds
Revenues	6 00 0 4 7		• 00.047
Taxes	\$ 90,647		\$ 90,647
Licenses and Permits	200	A 77 000	200
State Grants	86,179	\$ 77,826	164,005
Interest and Rentals	35,001	1,460	36,460
Other Revenue	6,267	3,404	9,671
TOTAL REVENUES	218,294	82,689	300,983
Expenditures	405.055		
General Government	165,257		165,257
Public Safety	1,639		1,639
Public Works		101,219	101,219
Health and Welfare	7,367		7,367
Culture and Recreation	804		804
Other Functions	18,431		18,431
Capital Outlay	46,773		46,773
Total Expenditures	240,271	101,219	341,490
Excess (deficency) of Revenues			
vs. Expenditures	(21,977)	(18,530)	(40,507)
Other Financing Sources (Uses)			
Transfers In (out)	5,000		5,000
Total Other Financing Sources (Uses)	5,000	-	5,000
Net Change in Fund Balances	(16,977)	(18,530)	(35,507)
Fund Balances - Beginning:	202,795	122,999	325,794
Fund Balances - Ending:	\$ 185,818	\$ 104,469	\$ 290,287
Amounts reported for governmental ac activities are different because: Net Change in Fund Balance Governmental funds report capital or in the statement of activities, these cover their estimated useful lives as dramount by which capital outlays executive period. Change in Net Assets of Governmental	utlays as expe osts are allocate depreciation. To deeded deprec	enditures; ated Fhis is the	\$ 35,507 23,152
Change in Net Assets of Governmenta	- ACTIVITIES		\$ 12,355

	Enterpri				
	Water	Sewer	Total Enterprise		
	Fund	Fund	Funds		
Assets					
Current Assets					
Cash	\$ 62,799	\$ 207,070	\$ 269,869		
ReceivablesNet	18,204	9,080	27,284		
Total Current Assets					
Noncurrent Assets					
Restricted Cash	30,850		30,850		
Capital Assets-Net	2,059,371	214,597	2,273,968		
Total Assets	2,171,224	430,748	2,601,972		
Liabilities					
Current Liabilities					
Accounts Payable	1,755	1,384	3,139		
Current Portion of Noncurrent Liabil	32,000		32,000		
Interest Payable	9,713		9,713		
Total Current Liabilities			,		
Noncurrent Liabilities					
Deposits Payable	10,546	9,709	20,255		
Bonds, Notes and Loans Payable	572,000		572,000		
•			,		
Total Liabilities	626,013	11,093	637,106		
Net Assets					
Invested in Capital Assets-Net of					
Related Debt	1,455,371	214,597	1,669,968		
Restricted for Debt Service	30,850	•	30,850		
Unrestricted	58,989	205,058	264,047		
Total Net Assets	\$ 1,545,211	\$ 419,655	\$ 1,964,865		
:					

Village of Lyons Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended February 28, 2005 Exhibit 6

	Enterprise Funds			
		_ Total		
	Water	Sewer	Enterprise	
	Fund	Fund	Funds	
Operating Revenue		-		
Permits and Fees	\$ 2,441	\$ 2,081	\$ 4,522	
Charges for Services	159,257	86,868	246,125	
Delinquent Charges ror Services	29,172	1,439	30,611	
Total Operating Revenue	190,870	90,387	281,258	
Operating Expenses				
Office Expenses	41,695	13,565	55,260	
Contracted Services	13,500	11,545	25,045	
Repair & Maintenance	38,744	40,011	78,755	
Depreciation	25,868	13,285	39,153	
Total Operating Expenses	119,808	78,406	198,213	
Operating Income (Loss)	71,063	11,982	83,044	
Other Revenue (Expenses)				
Interest on Long Term Debt	(36,916)		(36,916)	
Rental Earned	3,638	937	4,575	
Interest Earned	2,323	5,269	7,592	
Other Revenue	116		116	
Total Other Revenue (Expenses)	(30,840)	6,207	(24,634)	
Income (Loss) Before Transfers In (Out)	40,222	18,188	58,411	
Transfers In (Out)		(5,000)	(5,000)	
Change in Net Assets	40,222	13,188	53,411	
Total Net AssetsBeginning				
Restated	1,504,988	406,466	1,911,455	
Total Net AssetsEnding	\$ 1,545,211	\$ 419,655	\$ 1,964,865	

Village of Lyons Statement of Cash Flows Proprietary Funds For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

	Enterprise Funds			ds
	Water			Sewer
		Fund		Fund
Cash Flows From Operating Activities				***
Receipts from Customers	\$	192,218	\$	90,610
Payments to Employees		(25,258)		(15,574)
Payments to Vendors		(67,000)		(49,238)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities		99,960		25,798
Cash Flows From Non Capital Financing Activities				
Transfers				(5,000)
Net Cash Provided by Non Capital Financing Activities				(5,000)
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities				
Principal Paid on Capital Debt		(31,000)		
Interest Paid on Capital Debt		(34,112)		
Net Cash Provided by Capital and Related Financing Activities		(65,112)		
Cash Flows From Investing Activities				
Interest and Dividends		6,076	***************************************	6,207
Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities		6,076		6,207
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents		40,925		27,005
Cash and Cash Equivalents at Beginning of Year		52,725		180,065
Cash and Cash Equivalents at End of Year	\$	93,650	\$	207,070
Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities				
Operating Income (Loss)	\$	71,063	\$	11,982
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash Provided (Used)			·	•
by Operating Activities				
Depreciation Expense		25,868		13,285
Change in Assets and Liabilities		20,000		10,200
Decrease (Increase) in Receivables		(1,178)		12
				12
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable		(26,344)		520
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	\$	69,408	\$	25,798

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accounting policies of the Village of Lyons conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The following is a summary of the significant accounting policies used by the Village of Lyons:

A. Accounting And Reporting Change

In June 1999, the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements-and Management's Discussion and Analysis-for State and Local Governments. The Village of Lyons has applied the provisions of this statement in the accompanying financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements).

B. Reporting Entity

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board for determining the various governmental organizations to be included in the reporting entity.

The Village of Lyons is located in Ionia County and covers an area of one square mile. The Village provides services to its 726 residents in many areas including fire protection, community enrichment and development, and human services. The Village is a general law village governed by a six-member council elected by the citizens of the Village of Lyons. The Village Council consists of the president and six council members. The accompanying financial statements present the Village and its component units, entities for which the Village is considered to be financially accountable. Based on the criteria established by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the Village of Lyons has no component units.

Related Organizations-The Village of Lyons has entered a *Fire Protection Agreement* with Lyons Township, Muir Village and Pewamo Village. The primary provisions of the agreement include:

- Lyons Township will purchase the necessary fire fighting equipment and operating supplies;
- Lyons Township is to pay the firefighters;
- · The villages have control of fire trucks and equipment
- Lyons Township will insurance for the equipment, liability insurance and workers compensation insurance, as well as the insurance for the personnel of the department;
- Lyons Township will pay all equipment operating costs; and
- Lyons Village will supply housing for the trucks and equipment in the village and maintain the building.

C. Government-Wide Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the primary government and its component units. For the most part, the effect of interfund activity has been removed from these statements. Governmental activities, normally supported by taxes and intergovernmental revenues, are reported separately from business-type activities that rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segment are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include: (1) charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use, or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment; and (2) grants and contributions that are restricted to meeting the operational or capital requirements of a particular function or segment. Taxes and other items not properly included among program revenues are reported instead as general revenue.

D. Fund Financial Statements

Separate financial statements are provided for governmental funds and proprietary funds. Major individual governmental funds and major individual enterprise funds are reported as separate columns in the fund financial statements.

E. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting, as are the proprietary fund and fiduciary fund financial statements. Revenue is recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

F. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation (continued)

Governmental fund financial statements are reported using the current financial resources measurement focus and the modified accrual basis of accounting. Revenue is recognized as soon as it is both measurable and available. Revenue is considered to be available if it is collected within the current period or soon enough thereafter to pay liabilities of the current period. For this purpose, the Village considers revenues to be available if they are collected within 60 days of the end of the current fiscal period. Property taxes and state-shared revenue are considered to be susceptible to accrual and so have been recognized as revenue of the current fiscal period. All other revenue items are considered to be available only when cash is received by the Village. Expenditures generally are recorded when a liability is incurred, as under accrual accounting.

Property Taxes—The Village property tax is levied and collectible on July 1 on the taxable valuation of property located in the Village as of the preceding December 31st. Taxes are returned delinquent to the County Treasurer on September 15. It is the Village's policy to recognize revenues in the current year when they are made available for the financing of Village operations.

The 2004 taxable value of the Village of Lyons amounted to \$9,037,562, on which ad valorem taxes of 12 mills were levied for Village operating purposes. The 2004 current tax levied included \$84,231 for village operations. The delinquent real taxes totaling \$14,983 for the Village are recorded as Taxes Receivable-Delinquent.

The Village reports the following major governmental funds:

The General Fund is the Village's primary operating fund. It accounts for all financial resources of the general government, except those required to be accounted for in another fund. Revenues are primarily derived from property taxes, State and Federal aid, and charges for services to provide for the administration and operation of general village departments.

The Village reports the following major proprietary funds:

The Water Fund accounts for the activities of the water distribution system.

The Sewer Fund accounts for the activities of the sewage collection system.

Additionally, the Village reports the following fund types:

Special Revenue Funds are used to account for specific revenue (other than expendable trusts or major capital projects) derived from State and Federal grants, General Fund appropriations and charges for services which are to be expended for specific purposes as dictated by legal, regulatory or administrative requirements.

Private-sector standards of accounting issued prior to December 1, 1989, are generally followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with the standards of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. The Village has elected not to follow private sector standards issued after November 30, 1989 for its business type activities.

As a general rule, the effect of interfund activity has been eliminated from the government-wide financial statements.

Amounts reported as program revenue include: (1) charges to customers or applicants for goods, services or privileges provided; (2) operating grants and contributions; and (3) capital grants and contributions, including special assessments. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenue rather than as program revenue. Likewise, general revenue includes all taxes.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenue and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenue and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Operating expenses for proprietary funds include the cost services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenue and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenue and expenses.

NOTE 1--SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

G. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets or Equity

Bank Deposits--Cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with a maturity of three months or less when acquired.

Receivables and Payables—In general, outstanding balances between funds are reported as "due to/from other funds." Activity between funds that is representative of lending/borrowing arrangements outstanding at the end of the fiscal year is referred to as "advances to/from other funds." All property tax receivables are shown as net of allowance for uncollectible amounts. Property taxes are levied on each July 1st on the taxable valuation of property as of the preceding December 31st. Taxes are considered delinquent on September 15th, at which time penalties and interest are assessed at the County.

Capital Assets--Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items) are reported in the applicable governmental or business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are defined by the Village as assets with an initial cost of more than \$1,000 and an estimated useful life in excess of one year. Such assets are recorded at historical cost or estimated historical cost if purchased or constructed. Donated capital assets are recorded at estimated fair market value at the date of donation. Retroactive reporting of infrastructure assets is not required for units of government the size of the Village.

Property, buildings and equipment is depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

Buildings 30 to 50 years
Vehicles and Grounds Equipment 5 to 30 years
Office Equipment 5 years
Computer Equipment 5 years
Infrastructure 30 to 100 years

Fund Equity--In the fund financial statements, governmental funds report reservations of fund balance for amounts that are not available for appropriation or are legally restricted by outside parties for use for a specific purpose. Designations of fund balance represent tentative management plans that are subject to change.

H. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2--RECONCILIATION OF GOVERNMENT-WIDE AND FUND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of net assets are different than those in the governmental fund balance sheet because:

Fund Balance \$290,286

Capital assets used in governmental activities are not

financial resources and are not reported in the funds. 280,693

Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$570,979

Amounts reported for governmental activities in the statement of activities are different than those in the fund statement of revenue and expenditures because:

Net Change in Fund Balance \$35,507

Governmental funds report capital outlays as expenditures; in the statement of activities, these costs are allocated over their estimated useful lives as depreciation. This is the amount by which capital outlays exceeded depreciation in the

current period. 23,152
Change in Net Assets of Governmental Activities \$12,355

NOTE 3-STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE AND ACCOUNTABILITY

Budget Information

The annual budget is prepared by the Village's management and adopted by the Council. Amendments to the budget have not been made by the Council. The annual operating budget has been prepared on a basis of accounting consistent with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America and at the department/activity level. Unexpended appropriations lapse at year-end.

Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds

The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, PA 2 of 1968, as amended, (MCL 141.421 et seq.), provides that a local governmental unit shall not incur expenditures in excess of the amount appropriated. The Village's actual expenditures and budgeted expenditures for the funds budgeted have been shown on a department/activity basis. During the fiscal year ended February 28, 2005, the Village incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds, which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	Budgeted Amounts		Actual	Favorable	
	Original	Final	Amounts	(Unfavorable)	
General Fund					
General Government					
Village Council	9,700	25,820	30.061	(4,241)	
Clerk	3,400	32,215	36,507	(4,292)	
Treasurer	6,300	8,097	8,536	(439)	
Ambulance	2,500	6,550	7,367	(817)	
Other Functions			·	(
Retirement			5,117	(5,117)	
Capital Outlay	16,100	46,200	46,773	(573)	
Local Street Fund		ŕ	•	(
Public Works					
Street Department					
Road Maintenance	36,500	36,500	39,783	(3,283)	

NOTE 4--CASH

Deposits are carried at cost. Deposits of the village are made in banks in the name of the Village of Lyons Treasurer. Michigan Compiled Laws, Section 124.91, authorizes the village treasurer to deposit and invest in the accounts of federally insured banks, credit unions, and savings and loan associations; bonds, securities, and direct obligations of the United States, or any agency or instrumentality of the United States in which the principal and interest is fully guaranteed by the United States, including securities issued or guaranteed by the Government National Mortgage Association; United States government or Federal agency obligation repurchase agreements; bankers' acceptance of United States banks; mutual funds composed of investment vehicles which are legal for direct investment by local units of government in Michigan; and commercial paper rated by two standard rating agencies within the three highest classifications, which matures not more than 270 days after the date of purchase, and which involves no more than 50 percent of any one fund. The Village's deposits are in accordance with statutory authority.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 3, risk disclosures for the Village's cash deposits, are as follows:

Deposits	Bank Balance	Carrying Amount
Insured (FDIC)	\$173,396	\$173,396
Uninsured	<u>375,241</u>	_360,135
Total Deposits	\$ 548,637	\$ 533,531

NOTE 5--CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital asset activity of the primary government for the current year was as follows:

Governmental Activities Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated Land Subtotal	Beginning <u>Balance</u> \$ 34,710 34,710	Additions \$	Deductions	Ending <u>Balance</u> \$ 34,710 34,710
Capital Assets Being Depreciated Buildings and Improvements	288,680	19,556		308,236
Office Equipment	16,192	1,514		17,706
DPW Equipment	222,795	24,329		247,124
Infrastructure	<u>910,552</u>			910,552
Subtotal	<u>1,438,219</u>	45,399		<u>1,483,618</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Buildings and Improvements	79,368	7,234		86,602
Office Equipment	5,393	1,246		6,639
DPW Equipment	178,034	6,035		184,069
Infrastructure	<u>346,010</u>	<u>9,105</u>		<u>355,115</u>
Subtotal	608,805	23,620		632,425
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	829,414	45,399	23,620	<u>851,193</u>
Governmental Activities Total				
Capital Assets-Net of Depreciation	<u>\$864,124</u>	<u>\$45,399</u>	<u>\$14,505</u>	\$885,903
Business-Type Activities				
Capital Assets Being Depreciated				
Buildings and Improvements	\$ 411,992			\$ 411,992
Water Mains	436,774			436,774
Wells	165,859			165,859
Water Tower	153,170			153,170
Sewer Mains	664,241			664,241
Subtotal	1,832,036			1,832,036
Less Accumulated Depreciation for				
Buildings and Improvements	14,421	8,541		22,962
Water Mains	192,851	8,735		201,586
Wells	13,846	5,529		19,375
Water Tower	59,691	3,063		62,754
Sewer Mains	409,789	13,285		423,074
Subtotal	690,598	39,153		729,751
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>1,141,438</u>		<u>39,153</u>	1,102,285
Business-Type Activities Total				
Capital Assets–Net of Depreciation	<u>\$1,141,438</u>	-	<u>39,153</u>	\$ <u>1,102,285</u>
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Depreciation expense was charged to programs of the primary government as follows:

Governmental Activities	
General Government	\$14,505
Public Works	\$ 9,105
Business-Type Activities	
Sewer	\$25,868
Water	\$13,285

NOTE 6--LONG TERM DEBT

Revenue Bonds Payable--Series 2000-B—(Bond Authority)

\$425,000 of bonds issued in 2001 to finance water system improvements within the Village. Principal payments are due annually on November 1 with interest payable on May 1 and November 1 as follows:

Year Ending		
28-Feb	<u>Principal</u>	Interest
2006	\$ 10,000	\$ 20,625
2007	10,000	20,160
2008	10,000	19,690
2009	10,000	19,215
2010	10,000	18,735
Thereafter	<u>335,000</u>	179,844
Totals	\$385,000	\$278.269

Revenue Bonds Payable (GMAC)

Principal payments are due annually on January 1 with interest payable on January 1 and July 1. Those bonds maturing in 1982 and thereafter are subject to redemption prior to maturing after January 1, 1981, at the option of the Village in inverse numerical order on any interest date at par plus accrued interest to the date of redemption.

Year Ending		
28-Feb	Principal_	Interest
2006	\$ 16,000	\$ 6,400
2007	17,000	5,600
2008	18,000	4,750
2009	18,000	3,850
2010	19,000	2,950
2011	20,000	2,000
2012	20,000	1,000
	\$128,000	\$26,550

Water System Installment Purchase Debt

Principal payments are due annually on May 1 with interest payable on May 1 and November 1 as follows:

Year Ending		
28-Feb	<u>Principal</u>	interest
2006	\$ 6,000	\$ 5,500
2007	7,000	5,093
2008	7,000	4,656
2009	7,000	4,218
2010	8,000	3,750
Thereafter	<u>56,000</u>	10,938
Total	\$91,000	\$34,156

NOTE 7--EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND BENEFIT SYSTEMS

Plan Description--The Village participates in the Michigan Municipal Employees' Retirement System (MERS), an agent multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers all employees of the Village. The system provides retirement, disability and death benefits to plan members and their beneficiaries. MERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the system. That report may be obtained by writing to the System at:

1134 Municipal Way Lansing, Michigan 48917

Funding Policy--The obligation to contribute to and maintain the system for these employees was established by negotiation with the Village's employees and requires a contribution from the employees of 4 percent and from the employer of 7.43 percent of gross wages for General employees.

Annual Pension Costs --For year ended 2004, the Village's annual pension cost of \$5,117 for the plan was equal to the required and actual contribution. The annual required contribution was determined as part of an actuarial valuation at December 31, 2002, using the entry age normal cost method. Significant actuarial assumptions used include: (i) an 8 percent investment rate of return; and (ii) projected salary increases of 4.5 percent per year. Both determined using techniques that smooth the effects of short-term volatility over a four-year period. The unfunded actuarial liability is being amortized as a level percent of payroll contributions over a period of years. The standard amortization period to fund the unfunded liability is 30 years for positive unfunded liabilities, and 10 years for negative unfunded liabilities. Three-year trend information (only two years are included since the plan was established in March 2003) as of December 31, 2004 follows:

	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>
Annual Pension Cost		\$5,117
Actuarial Value of Assets	\$10,166	\$21,930
Actuarial Accrued Liability	\$1,473	\$23,071
Unfunded AAL	\$(8,693)	\$1,141
Funded Ratio	690%	95.1 %
Covered Payroll	\$86,863	\$83,786
UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll	0%	1%

NOTE 8--OTHER POST-EMPLOYMENT BENEFITS

The Village has elected to provide post-employment health benefits to a retiree. The Village pays the full cost of coverage for these benefits. Currently, one retiree is eligible for post-employment health benefits. For the fiscal year ended February 28, 2005, the Village made payments for post-employment health benefit premiums of \$1,302. The Village obtains health care coverage through private insurers.

NOTE 9-RISK MANAGEMENT

The Village is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters.

The Village is insured with the Michigan Municipal Liability and Property Pool. Workmen's compensation coverage is acquired from the Accident Fund of Michigan.

The Pool was established for the purpose of making a self-insurance pooling program available which includes, but is not limited to, general liability coverage, auto liability coverage, property insurance coverage, stop loss insurance protection, claims administration, and risk management and loss control services pursuant to Michigan Public Act 138 of 1982. The Village pays an annual premium to the Pool for property (buildings and contents) coverage, automobile and equipment liability, errors or omissions liability and bodily injury, property damage and personal injury liability. The agreement for the information of the Pool provides that the Pool will be self-sustaining through member payments determined necessary by the Pool Board. During fiscal year end February 28, 2005 and the previous two years, there were no settlements that exceeded the respective insurance coverage. In addition, there has been no reduction in insurance coverage from the prior year.

NOTE 10-CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Village, in connection with the normal conduct of its affairs, is involved in various claims, judgments, and litigation. The Village's attorney and insurance carrier estimate that the potential claims against the Village, not covered by insurance resulting from such litigation, would not materially affect the financial statements of the Village.

NOTE 11—PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

A certain error, resulting in the understatement of the Water Fund and Sewer Fund retained earnings in the prior year, was corrected during fiscal year ended February 28, 2005. The effect of that error is as follows:

	<u>Water</u>	Sewer
Retained Earnings at March 1, 2004, as previously reported	\$ 316,386.19	\$401,361.52
February 28, 2004 capital assets were reported incorrectly	1,188,602.17	104.72
Retained Earnings-Restated at March 1, 2004	\$1,504,988,36	\$401,466.24

Village of Lyons Budgetary Comparison Schedule General Fund For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

Exhibit 8

		Budgeted Amounts			Actual	Variance
		riginal	ı Am	Final	Actual	Favorable
Budgetary Fund Balance-Beginning		riginal		ГШа	\$ 202,795	(Unfavorable) \$ 202,795
Resources (Inflows)					\$ 202,795	\$ 202,795
Taxes	\$	81,500	\$	85,600	90,647	5,047
Licenses and Permits	Ψ	125	Ψ	200	200	•
State Grants		75,000		85,800	86,179	(0) 379
Interest		1,500		4,300	4,666	366
Rentals		1,500		26,765	30,335	3,570
Other Revenue				410	6,267	5,857
Transfer In				5,000	5,000	5,657
Amounts Available for Appropriation		158,125		208,075	426,089	218,014
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)		100, 120		200,010	420,009	210,014
General Government	,					
Village Council		9,700		25,820	30,061	(4,241)
President		3,400		3,560	3,554	(4,241)
Clerk		9,900		32,215	36,507	(4,292)
Treasurer		6,300		8,097	8,536	(439)
Administration		18,150		29,485	12,149	17,336
Elections		325		1,086	1,082	17,550
Building and Grounds		46,710		78,480	73,369	5,111
Public Safety		10,7 10		70,400	70,000	3,111
Fire Department		2,500		2,150	1,639	511
Health and Welfare		_,000		2,100	1,000	311
Ambulance		2,500		6,550	7,367	(817)
Recreation and Culture		-,		0,000	7,007	(017)
Parks		400		830	804	26
Other Functions		7,600		-	001	20
Insurance & Bonds		12,000		13,325	13,314	11
Retirement		6,500		.0,0_0	5,117	(5,117)
Capital Outlay		-,			σ,	(0,117)
Capital Outlay		16,100		46,200	46,773	(573)
Transfers Out				5,000	10,110	5,000
Total Charges to Appropriations	\$ 1	42,085	\$	252,798	240,271	12,527
Budgetary Fund Balance-Ending		,			\$ 185,818	\$ 185,818

Exhibit 9

Village of Lyons Budgetary Comparison Schedule Major Street Fund For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

						V	ariance	
	Budgeted Amounts			Actual		Favorable		
	Original		Final		Amounts		(Unfavorable)	
Budgetary Fund Balance-Beginning								
Resources (Inflows)								
State Grants	\$	52,887	\$	56,000	\$	55,672	\$	(328)
Interest and Rentals		600		1,100		1,317		217
Other Revenue		1,600		1,600		1,679		79
Amounts Available for Appropriation		55,087		58,700		58,668		(32)
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)		·						
Public Works								
Street Department								
Road Construction		5,000		5,000		4,239		761
Road Maintenance		31,000		54,550		41,567		12,983
Winter Maintenance				9,050		6,951		2,099
Roadside Parks				1,825		992		834
Non-Motorized				5		4		1
Trafic Services		300		545		393		152
Administration		1,200		1,500		1,434		66
Transfers Out								
Total Charges to Appropriations		37,500		72,475		55,579		16,896
Budgetary Fund Balance-Ending	\$	17,587	\$	(13,775)	\$	3,089	\$	16,864

Village of Lyons Budgetary Comparison Schedule Local Street Fund For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

	Budgeted Amounts			Actual		Variance Favorable		
	Original Fi		Final A		mounts	(Uni	avorable)	
Budgetary Fund Balance-Beginning					\$	39,370	\$	39,370
Resources (Inflows)								
State Grants	\$	20,966	\$	22,000		22,154		154
Interest and Rentals		500		130		143		13
Transfers In		1,600		1,600		1,679		79
Amounts Available for Appropriation		23,066		23,730		63,345		39,536
Charges to Appropriations (Outflows)								
Public Works								
Street Department								
Road Maintenance		3,000		36,500		39,783		(3,283)
Winter Maintenance				5,825		4,288		1,537
Trafic Services		250		420		268		152
Administration		20,250		16,250		1,300		14,950
Total Charges to Appropriations		23,500		58,995		45,640		13,355
Budgetary Fund Balance-Ending	\$	-	\$	-	\$	17,706	\$	17,706

Village of Lyons Combining Balance Sheet Non-Major Governmental Funds February 28, 2005

	Special Revenue Funds							
Accepta	Major Street Fund		Local Street Fund		DDA Fund		Total Nonmajor Governmental Funds	
Assets Cash	\$	77,150	\$	13,894	\$	45	\$	91,089
Due From State	Ψ	9,568	Ψ	3,811	Ψ	40	Ψ	13,380
Total Assets		86,718		17,706		45		104,468
Liabilities Accounts Payable Total Liabilities		(0) (0)						(0) (0)
Fund Equity Fund Balance		86,718	***************************************	17,706		45		104,469
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity	\$	86,718	_\$_	17,706	\$	45	\$	104,468

Village of Lyons
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
And Changes in Fund Balance
Governmental Funds
For the Year Ended February 28, 2005

Exhibit 12

	Maine Oberes			Total	
	Major Street Fund	Local Street	DDA	Governmental	
Revenues	runo	Fund	Fund	Funds	
State Grants	\$ 55,672	\$ 22,154		\$ 77,826	
Interest on Investments	1,317	143		1,460	
Other Revenue	1,679	1,679	\$ 45	3,404	
Total Revenues	58,668	23,976	45	82,689	
rotal Novollago		23,910	45	02,009	
Expenditures					
General Government					
Administration	1,434	1,300		2,734	
Construction	4,239			4,239	
Maintenance	41,567			41,567	
Roadside Parks	992			992	
Non Motorized	4			4	
Streets		39,783		39,783	
Winter Mainyenance	6,951	4,288		11,239	
Trafic Services	393	268		661	
Total Expenditures	55,579	45,640		101,219	
Excess (deficency) of Revenues					
vs. Expenditures	3,089	(21,664)	45	(18,530)	
Other Financing Sources (Uses)					
Transfers In (Out)				-	
Total Other Financing Sources	_	-		-	
Net Change in Fund Balances	3,089	(21,664)	45	(18,575)	
Fund Balances - Beginning:	83,629	39,370	,,	122,999	
Fund Balances - Ending:	\$ 86,718	\$ 17,706	\$ 45	\$ 104,469	
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November 23, 2005

Lyons Village Council 212 Water Street P.O. Box 175 Lyons, Michigan 48851-0175

Dear Council Members:

I was engaged to audit the financial statement of the Village of Lyons for the year ended February 28, 2005.

In planning and performing my audit of the financial of the Village of Lyons for the year ended February 28, 2005, I considered the Village's internal control structure to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of the Village of Lyons is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

I noted certain matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that I consider to be reportable conditions under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in my judgment, could adversely affect the Village's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. These conditions are more fully explained in the attached report of comments and recommendations.

A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the specific internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that error or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. My consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

This report is intended for the information of management and other regulatory agencies. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.

Richard L. Baldermann, CPA

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Village of Lyons Comments And Recommendations February 28, 2005

OTHER REPORTABLE CONDITIONS

Although the following are not considered material weaknesses in the internal control structure, my audit disclosed certain other reportable conditions that I wish to point out for consideration by the management of the Village.

Expenditure Documentation

In my examination of expenditures I found several instances of discrepancies as follows:

- Missing or inadequate documentation;
- No administrative approval; and
- No accounting codes noted.

Justification for payment of village funds requires that all payments be supported by original documentation. Copies of bills and payment of a monthly invoice is not adequate. Administrative approval is necessary to verify that goods and services were received at agreed upon prices and notation of the appropriate account number.

I recommend that all payments be supported by original and complete documentation and appropriate administrative approval is present.

Adjustments to Customer Billings

There were several adjustments to customer bills and to accounts receivable made without independent review and approval. While most of the adjustments appear to be routine, independent review is necessary to assure the integrity of the process.

I recommend that independent review and approval be instituted on all bill adjustments and adjustments to the accounts.

NONCOMPLIANCE WITH STATE STATUTES

My examination revealed the following instances of noncompliance with State Statutes.

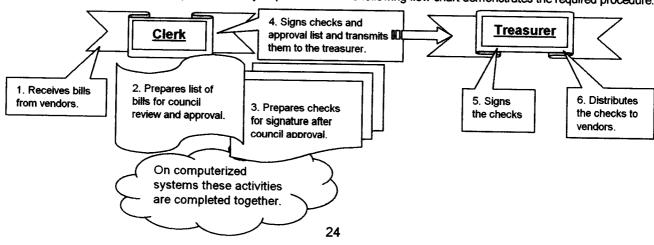
Approval to Pay Claims

I found that the Village Council approves the previous months bill listing at each Council meeting. MCL 64.6 states in part:

(2) Claims against the village shall be filed with the clerk for adjustment. After examination, the clerk shall report the claims, with the accompanying vouchers and counterclaims of the village, and the true balance, to the council for allowance. After the claims are allowed by the council, the clerk shall present check disbursement authorizations to the treasurer for payment of the claims, designating the fund from which payment is to be made

The authority for the Treasurer to issue a check is the check disbursement authorizations. Current authorized procedure is the two-signature check. The Clerk's signature (or Deputy Clerk) satisfies the requirement of a check disbursement authorization and the Treasurer's signature (or Deputy Treasurer) issues the check.

I recommend that the Village comply with statutory requirements. The following flow chart demonstrates the required procedure.



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Excess of Expenditures Over Appropriations in Budgeted Funds

During the fiscal year ended February 28, 2005 the Village incurred expenditures in certain budgeted funds, which were in excess of the amounts appropriated, as follows:

	Budgeted /	Amounts	Actual	Favorable	
	Original	<u>Final</u>	<u>Amounts</u>	(<u>Unfavorable</u>)	
General Fund					
General Government					
Village Council	25,820	25,820	30,061	(4,241)	
Clerk	32,215	32,215	36,507	(4,292)	
Treasurer	8,097	8,097	8,536	(439)	
Building and Grounds	72,080	72,080	73,369	(1,289)	
Ambulance	6,550	6,550	7,367	(817)	
Other Functions					
Retirement			5,117	(5,117)	
Total Charges to Appropriations	204,448	204,448	240,271	(35,823)	
Local Street Fund					
Public Works					
Street Department					
Road Maintenance	36,500	36,500	39,783	(3,283)	

The Uniform Budgeting and Accounting Act, PA 2 of 1968, as amended, (MCL 141.421 et seq.), provides that:

- A deviation from the original general appropriations act shall not be made without amending the general appropriations act; and
- The local unit shall amend the general appropriations act as soon as it becomes apparent that a deviation from the original general appropriations act is necessary and the amount of the deviation can be determined.

I recommend that the Village Council amend the budget as soon as a deviation is apparent.